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Draft conclusions proposed by the Co-Chairs

1. The Ad Hoc Working Group on the Paris Agreement (APA) made good progress in its work during the fifth part of its first session, following up on its mandate and responding to the request of the Conference of the Parties (COP) at its twenty-third session to the subsidiary and constituted bodies to accelerate their work on the work programme under the Paris Agreement and to forward the outcomes to COP 24 (December 2018) at the latest.[2]

2. The APA welcomed the submissions made by Parties before and at this session.[3]

3. While recognizing the progress achieved at this session, as reflected in the annex,[4] the APA noted that work needs to be accelerated across all items of the Paris Agreement work programme (PAWP) to ensure that all issues achieve the degree of maturity and detail needed to fully operationalize the Paris Agreement.

4. The APA reiterated its recognition of the need to progress on all items in a coherent and balanced manner, and to ensure the consideration of matters relating to the PAWP by the Subsidiary Body for Implementation (SBI), the Subsidiary Body for Scientific and Technological Advice (SBSTA) and the APA is closely coordinated. In view of this, the APA requested its Co-Chairs to consider, in consultation with the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI, preparing, by mid-August 2018, a joint reflections note addressing progress made to date and proposing ways forward.

5. The APA also requested the secretariat to update, based on the outcomes of APA 1.5, the online platform[5] referred to in paragraph 3 of decision 1/CP.23, which provides an overview of the work of the COP and the subsidiary and constituted bodies on the PAWP.

6. To facilitate deliberations at APA 1.6 (September 2018), the APA requested its Co-Chairs, with the assistance of, to the extent possible, the persons who facilitated work on the relevant matters at this session, to prepare, by 1 August 2018, tools that are additional to and based on the informal notes contained in the annex,[6] including proposals for

[1] See document FCCC/APA/2016/3 for the titles of the agenda items.
[2] Decision 1/CP.23, paragraph 4.
[3] Available at https://unfccc.int/submissions_and_statements.
[4] To expedite document processing, the annex is not reproduced in this document. Its contents can be found in the addendum to this document (FCCC/APA/2018/L.2/Add.1).
[5] https://unfccc.int/node/28798.
[6] As footnote 4 above.

streamlining the outcome of the APA at this session and examples of how Parties could further progress towards the development of an agreed basis for negotiations, taking account of the level of maturity and delicate balance achieved to date for individual items. The streamlining should not imply the insertion or deletion of substantive concepts and textual narratives.

7. The APA noted that the tools referred to in paragraph 6 above will be prepared by the Co-Chairs under their own responsibility, and emphasized that at this stage in the negotiations it will be important to ensure all options identified by Parties remain on the table, recalling the right of any Party to make submissions to be considered under the relevant agenda items.

8. The APA requested its Co-Chairs to coordinate closely with the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI to work towards a comparable level of progress and preparedness with respect to all PAWP items, including the work referred to in paragraphs 5–7 above.

9. With regard to time management, the APA noted some improvements made at this session, in particular with respect to the clustering of issues into thematic areas for scheduling purposes. At the same time, the APA expressed its concern about the insufficient amount of time available for the deliberations on adaptation communications, finance-related issues and on the transparency framework for action and support, and requested the APA Co-Chairs to take these concerns into account in scheduling work at APA 1.6.

10. Recognizing the importance of linkages across several PAWP items, the APA agreed that conducting a well-planned and structured one-day round table, open to Parties only, in the pre-sessional period before APA 1.6 with a focus on substantive linkages, could help to advance the negotiations and should be organized, subject to the feasibility of the relevant logistical and organizational arrangements at the venue of that session. The APA emphasized that any round-table arrangements should not overlap with groups' coordination meetings in the pre-sessional period and should allow for the effective participation of delegates from developing countries. The APA noted the usefulness of expanding the focus of the round table to address linkages to the PAWP items outside the APA mandate, and requested its Co-Chairs to consult on this with the Chairs of the SBSTA and the SBI.

11. The APA reiterated its commitment to continuing to work in an inclusive, transparent, Party-driven and efficient manner. To that end, it agreed to continue to apply at APA 1.6 the modalities for the organization of its work that were adopted at APA 1.1.[7]

12. The APA took note of the estimated budgetary implications of the activities to be undertaken by the secretariat pursuant to the provisions contained in paragraph 10 above. The APA requested that the actions of the secretariat called for in these conclusions be undertaken subject to the availability of financial resources.

[7] FCCC/APA/2016/2, paragraph 21.